

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan <i>(High Performer PHAs)</i>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires: 02/29/2016
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Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families

Applicability. Form HUD-50075-HP is to be completed annually by **High Performing PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, HCV-Only PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form.

Definitions.

- (1) **High-Performer PHA** – A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on both of the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments.
- (2) **Small PHA** - A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, or at risk of being designated as troubled, and that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550.
- (3) **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA** - A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment, and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) **Standard PHA** - A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS or SEMAP assessments.
- (5) **Troubled PHA** - A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) **Qualified PHA** - A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined, and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

A.	PHA Information.																										
A.1	<p> PHA Name: _____ PHA Code: _____ PHA Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> High Performer PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): _____ PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) Number of Public Housing (PH) Units _____ Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) _____ Total Combined _____ PHA Plan Submission Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission </p> <p> Availability of Information. In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information of the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of their PHA Plans. </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete table below) </p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Participating PHAs</th><th rowspan="2">PHA Code</th><th rowspan="2">Program(s) in the Consortia</th><th rowspan="2">Program(s) not in the Consortia</th><th colspan="2">No. of Units in Each Program</th></tr> <tr> <th>PH</th><th>HCV</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lead PHA:</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program		PH	HCV	Lead PHA:																	
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B.	Annual Plan Elements
B.1	<p>Revision of PHA Plan Elements.</p> <p>(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual PHA Plan submission? Y N</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and Crime Prevention. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Policy. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification </p> <p>(b) The PHA must submit its Deconcentration Policy for Field Office Review.</p> <p>(c) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element below:</p>
B.2	<p>New Activities.</p> <p>(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year? Y N</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hope VI or Choice Neighborhoods. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Finance Modernization or Development. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition and/or Disposition. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant Based Assistance. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Assistance under RAD. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Project Based Vouchers. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Units with Approved Vacancies for Modernization. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other Capital Grant Programs (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants). </p> <p>(b) If any of these activities are planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. For new demolition activities, describe any public housing development or portion thereof, owned by the PHA for which the PHA has applied or will apply for demolition and/or disposition approval under section 18 of the 1937 Act under the separate demolition/disposition approval process. If using Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs), provide the projected number of project based units and general locations, and describe how project basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.</p>
B.3	<p>Progress Report.</p> <p>Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the PHA 5-Year Plan.</p>

B.4.	<p>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>
<p>Other Document and/or Certification Requirements.</p>	
C.1	<p>Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan</p> <p><u>Form 50077-ST-HCV-HP</u>, <i>Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.2	<p>Civil Rights Certification.</p> <p><u>Form 50077-ST-HCV-HP</u>, <i>Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
C.3	<p>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan?</p> <p>Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p>
C.4	<p>Certification by State or Local Officials.</p> <p><u>Form HUD 50077-SL</u>, <i>Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
<p>D Statement of Capital Improvements. Required in all years for all PHAs completing this form that administer public housing and receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP).</p>	
D.1	<p>Capital Improvements. Include a reference here to the most recent HUD-approved 5-Year Action Plan (HUD-50075.2) and the date that it was approved by HUD.</p>

Instructions for Preparation of Form HUD-50075-HP

Annual Plan for High Performing PHAs

A. PHA Information. All PHAs must complete this section.

- A.1** Include the full **PHA Name**, **PHA Code**, **PHA Type**, **PHA Fiscal Year Beginning** (MM/YYYY), **PHA Inventory**, **Number of Public Housing Units and or Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs)**, **PHA Plan Submission Type**, and the **Availability of Information**, specific location(s) of all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan. ([24 CFR §903.23\(4\)\(e\)](#))

PHA Consortia: Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table. ([24 CFR §943.128\(a\)](#))

B. Annual Plan.

B.1 Revision of PHA Plan Elements. PHAs must:

Identify specifically which plan elements listed below that have been revised by the PHA. To specify which elements have been revised, mark the “yes” box. If an element has not been revised, mark “no.”

☐ **Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.** Provide a statement addressing the housing needs of low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income families and a brief description of the PHA’s strategy for addressing the housing needs of families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA. The statement must identify the housing needs of (i) families with incomes below 30 percent of area median income (extremely low-income), (ii) elderly families and families with disabilities, and (iii) households of various races and ethnic groups residing in the jurisdiction or on the waiting list based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent it pertains to the housing needs of families that are on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(a\)\(1\)](#)) and [24 CFR §903.12\(b\)](#). Provide a description of the PHA’s strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent it pertains to the housing needs of families that are on the PHA’s public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#)) and [24 CFR §903.12\(b\)](#).

☐ **Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection and Admissions.** Describe the PHA’s admissions policy for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing of lower-income families in public housing. The Deconcentration Policy must describe the PHA’s policy for bringing higher income tenants into lower income developments and lower income tenants into higher income developments. The deconcentration requirements apply to general occupancy and family public housing developments. Refer to [24 CFR §903.2\(b\)\(2\)](#) for developments not subject to deconcentration of poverty and income mixing requirements. ([24 CFR §903.7\(b\)](#)) Describe the PHA’s procedures for maintaining waiting lists for admission to public housing and address any site-based waiting lists. ([24 CFR §903.7\(b\)](#)) A statement of the PHA’s policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for both public housing and HCV. ([24 CFR §903.7\(b\)](#)) Describe the unit assignment policies for public housing. ([24 CFR §903.7\(b\)](#))

☐ **Financial Resources.** A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA’s anticipated resources, such as PHA operating, capital and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support public housing or tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources. ([24 CFR §903.7\(c\)](#))

☐ **Rent Determination.** A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rents charged for public housing and HCV dwelling units, including applicable public housing flat rents, minimum rents, voucher family rent contributions, and payment standard policies. ([24 CFR §903.7\(d\)](#))

☐ **Homeownership Programs.** A description of any homeownership programs (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval. For years in which the PHA’s 5-Year PHA Plan is also due, this information must be included only to the extent that the PHA participates in homeownership programs under section 8(y) of the 1937 Act. ([24 CFR §903.7\(k\)](#)) and [24 CFR §903.12\(b\)](#).

☐ **Safety and Crime Prevention (VAWA).** A description of: **1)** Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; **2)** Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and **3)** Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families. ([24 CFR §903.7\(m\)\(5\)](#))

☐ **Pet Policy.** Describe the PHA’s policies and requirements pertaining to the ownership of pets in public housing. ([24 CFR §903.7\(n\)](#))

☐ **Substantial Deviation.** PHA must provide its criteria for determining a “substantial deviation” to its 5-Year Plan. ([24 CFR §903.7\(r\)\(2\)\(i\)](#))

☐ **Significant Amendment/Modification.** PHA must provide its criteria for determining a “Significant Amendment or Modification” to its 5-Year and Annual Plan. Should the PHA fail to define ‘significant amendment/modification’, HUD will consider the following to be ‘significant amendments or modifications’: a) changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list; b) additions of non-emergency public housing CFP work items (items not included in the current CFP Annual Statement or CFP 5-Year Action Plan); or c) any change with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities. See guidance on HUD’s website at: [Notice PIH 1999-51](#). ([24 CFR §903.7\(r\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#))

If any boxes are marked “yes”, describe the revision(s) to those element(s) in the space provided.

PHAs must submit a Deconcentration Policy for Field Office review. For additional guidance on what a PHA must do to deconcentrate poverty in its development and comply with fair housing requirements, see [24 CFR 903.2](#). ([24 CFR §903.23\(b\)](#))

B.2 New Activities. If the PHA intends to undertake any new activities related to these elements or discretionary policies in the current Fiscal Year, mark “yes” for those elements, and describe the activities to be undertaken in the space provided. If the PHA does not plan to undertake these activities, mark “no.”

☐ **Hope VI.** 1) A description of any housing (including project name, number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI is a separate process. See guidance on HUD’s website at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm>. (Notice PIH 2010-30)

☐ **Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.** 1) A description of any housing (including name, project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for Mixed Finance Modernization or Development; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Mixed Finance Modernization or Development is a separate process. See guidance on HUD’s website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm>. (Notice PIH 2010-30)

☐ **Demolition and/or Disposition.** Describe any public housing projects owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs (including name, project number and unit numbers [or addresses]), and the number of affected units along with their sizes and accessibility features) for which the PHA will apply or is currently pending for demolition or disposition; and (2) A timetable for the demolition or disposition. This statement must be submitted to the extent that approved and/or pending demolition and/or disposition has changed. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. See guidance on HUD’s website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo_dispo/index.cfm. (24 CFR §903.7(h))

☐ **Conversion of Public Housing.** Describe any public housing building(s) (including project number and unit count) owned by the PHA that the PHA is required to convert or plans to voluntarily convert to tenant-based assistance; 2) An analysis of the projects or buildings required to be converted; and 3) A statement of the amount of assistance received to be used for rental assistance or other housing assistance in connection with such conversion. See guidance on HUD’s website at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm>. (24 CFR §903.7(j))

☐ **Project-Based Vouchers.** Describe any plans to use HCVs for new project-based vouchers. (24 CFR §983.57(b)(1)) If using project-based vouchers, provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.

☐ **Other Capital Grant Programs** (i.e., Capital Fund Community Facilities Grants or Emergency Safety and Security Grants).

B.3 Progress Report. For all Annual Plans following submission of the first Annual Plan, a PHA must include a brief statement of the PHA’s progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.7(r)(1))

B.4 Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit. If the results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA included any findings, mark “yes” and describe those findings in the space provided. (24 CFR §903.7(p))

C. Other Document and/or Certification Requirements

C.1 Certification Listing Policies and Programs that the PHA has Revised since Submission of its Last Annual Plan. Provide a certification that the following plan elements have been revised, provided to the RAB for comment before implementation, approved by the PHA board, and made available for review and inspection by the public. This requirement is satisfied by completing and submitting form HUD-50077 SM-HP.

C.2 Civil Rights Certification. Form HUD-50077 SM-HP, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulation*, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. This includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights and related regulations. A PHA will be considered in compliance with the AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction’s initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction. (24 CFR §903.7(o))

C.3 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. If the RAB provided comments to the annual plan, mark “yes,” submit the comments as an attachment to the Plan and describe the analysis of the comments and the PHA’s decision made on these recommendations. (24 CFR §903.13(c), 24 CFR §903.19)

C.4 Certification by State or Local Officials. Form HUD-50077-SL, *Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan*, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan. (24 CFR §903.15)

D. Statement of Capital Improvements. PHAs that receive funding from the Capital Fund Program (CFP) must complete this section. (24 CFR 903.7 (g))

D.1 Capital Improvements. In order to comply with this requirement, the PHA must reference the most recent HUD approved Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan. PHAs can reference the form by including the following language in Section C. 8.0 of the PHA Plan Template: “See HUD Form 50075.2 approved by HUD on XX/XX/XXXX.”

This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA’s operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA’s mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 16.64 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information, and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Privacy Act Notice. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, Section 1701 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

Amsterdam Housing Authority – NY060
Annual Plan

Mission. State the PHA's Mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years:

Our mission is to at all times develop and operate each project for the purpose of providing decent, safe and sanitary housing for eligible families in a manner that promotes serviceability, economy, efficiency, and stability of the projects, and the economic and social well-being of the tenants.

Goals and Objectives

Reasonable Accommodation Requests

With respect to animals that tenants with disabilities may request as a reasonable accommodation: AHA will adopt and use the questionnaire analysis provided in PHA notice issued on January 28, 2020. The series of questions will serve as a model to gage the applicability of tenant's request to have an animal as a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act.

Grievances and Appeals

AHA will improve response to Resident Complaints and or Grievance Requests. Requests will be reviewed to determine the appropriateness of all tenant related complaints within 3-5 business days of tenants' written notice. In effort to ensure the necessity of such grievance AHA will attempt to resolve through exchange with onsite Site Managers and related staff. The AHA will schedule and send written notice of the informal hearing within 10 business days of the family's request.

Collection Matters

AHA will send rent statements to all families monthly to ensure families are aware of any outstanding balances owed to AHA. Families who are delinquent will be referred to local agencies to assist in paying down the debt. To reduce and/or resolve the number of delinquent accounts AHA will also refer families for financial management counseling provided by local agencies. When appropriate AHA will endeavor to enter into a repayment agreement as necessary. AHA will evaluate enforcement efforts based on tenants will and compliance in addressing outstanding balances older than 6 months old. Continued noncompliance and nonpayment of tenant related charges due to excess fees will be enforced through the courts.

VAWA

AHA is acting in full accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) AHA will revise their written VAWA plan to ensure physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, or stalking who are assisted by the AHA. This will include brokering and/or referring families for further support. AHA will provide and maintain housing opportunities for victim through a collaborative effort which may include law enforcement authorities, victim service providers to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. AHA also provides all tenants with information about VAWA at the time of admission and at annual reviews and notices of denial of assistance or lease termination. Tenants seeking such protections are encouraged to complete Form HUD 50056 as well as seek further guidance and resources from local agencies within our jurisdiction.

Annual Reexaminations

AHA will make concerted efforts to conduct 100% of the Annual Recertifications for all LIPH, LIHTC, and Section 8 housing programs. The AHA will include training to all department staff to ensure the processing is handled in a more efficient and streamlined manner. This may include utilizing community service agencies and other supportive service providers to ensure resident compliance and cooperation. Training to staff will be provided to ensure compliance of program regulations.

Program Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility

The AHA will conduct LIPH Flat Rent Analysis and Annual Utility Allowance reviews of all PH programs in a timely manner. Maintenance charges will be evaluated and updated as necessary to ensure that AHA is able to maintain the level of repair service necessary to improve our REAC scores.

Over Income Families (PIH-2019-11)

The Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) of 2016 placed an income limitation on public housing tenancies. The over-income requirement states that after a family's adjusted income has exceeded 120 percent of area median income (AMI) (or a different limitation established by the secretary) for two consecutive years, the PHA must either terminate the family's tenancy within six months of the determination, or charge the family a monthly rent that is the higher of the applicable fair market rent (FMR) or the amount of monthly subsidy for the unit, including amounts from the operating and capital funds, as determined by regulations.

Notice PIH 2019-11 also requires that PHAs publish over-income limits in their ACOP and update them no later than 60 days after HUD publishes new income limits each year. The over-income limit is calculated by multiplying the very low-income limit (VLI) by 2.4, as adjusted for family size.

PHAs also have discretion, under 24 CFR 960.261, to adopt policies allowing termination of tenancy for families whose income exceeds the limit for program eligibility. Such policies would exempt families participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program or currently receiving the earned income disallowance.

AHA will continue to track families over income status at annual or interim reexamination, if a family's adjusted income exceeds the applicable over-income limit, the AHA will document the family file and begin tracking the family's over-income status.

If one year after the applicable annual or interim reexamination the family's income continues to exceed the applicable over-income limit, the AHA will notify the family in writing that their income has exceeded the over-income limit for one year, and that if the family continues to be over-income for 12 consecutive months, the family will be subject to the AHA's over-income policies.

If two years after the applicable annual or interim reexamination the family's income continues to exceed the applicable over-income limit, the AHA will charge the family a rent that is the higher of the applicable fair market rent (FMR) or the amount of monthly subsidy for the unit. The AHA will notify the family in writing of their new rent amount. The new rent amount will be effective 30 days after the AHA's written notice to the family.

If, at any time, an over-income family experiences a decrease in income, the family may request an interim redetermination of rent in accordance with AHA policy. If, as a result, the previously over-income family is now below the over-income limit, the family is no longer subject to over-income provisions as of the effective date of the recertification. The AHA will notify the family in writing that over-income policies no longer apply to them. If the family's income later exceeds the over-income limit again, the family is entitled to a new two-year grace period.

The AHA began tracking over-income families as of March 24, 2019.

The PHA will not evict or terminate the tenancies of families whose income exceeds the income limit for program eligibility as described at 24 CFR 960.261.

The PHA will rely on the following over-income limits. These numbers will be updated within 60 days of HUD publishing new income limits each year and will be effective for all annual and interim reexaminations once these policies have been adopted.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Over-Income Limit	58,320	66,720	75,000	83,280	90,000	96,720	103,320	110,040

For families larger than 8 persons, the over-income limit will be calculated by multiplying the applicable very-low income limit by 2.4.

Definition of Over-Income: *The new language in section 16(a)(5) of the 1937 Act sets the over-income limit at 120 percent of the AMI. However, HUD can adjust the over-income limit if the Secretary determines that it is necessary due to prevailing levels of construction costs or unusually high or low family incomes, vacancy rates, or rental costs. HUD exercised this discretion as described in the 2016 and 2018 FR Notices respectively. HUD currently calculates three declining ranges of income eligibility for the public housing program: low-, very low-, and extremely low-income limits. The VLI limit was selected because it is calculated for every FMR area and, in certain areas, factors in several adjustments to better align income limits with program requirements. Since VLI is preliminarily calculated as 50 percent of the estimated AMI for the family, in most cases, multiplying it by 2.4, would result in a figure matching 120 percent. For those areas without an adjustment, the result is an over-income limit of exactly 120 percent of AMI. For areas where HUD has made an adjustment to the VLI limit, the result of the multiplier will be higher or lower than 120 percent of AMI, depending on the adjustments made. (See appendix for examples) The final over-income limit should then be compared to the family's adjusted income and as with the existing ranges of income eligibility, the new over-income limits will also be tiered by family size. HUD's income limits were developed by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research and are updated annually. Information about HUD's income limits and HUD's methodology for adjusting income limits as part of the income limit calculation can be found at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>.*

Community Service and Economic Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR)

AHA will provide families with a qualified list of local community agencies as it relates to requirement of the program for eight (8) hours per month may be either volunteer work or self-sufficiency program activity, or a combination of the two. AHA will continue provide families with a listing of local service agencies that can satisfy the CSSR requirements.

Fraud and/or Underreporting of Household Income

AHA will streamline its process in the prevention, detection and investigation of errors and potential program abuse. AHA will make a more concerted effort to use EIV and subsidy reports to account for activity prior to the household's annual reexamination.

Tenant Receivables

AHA seeks to reduce outstanding tenant account receivables by partnering with local housing advocates to triage tenants and/or qualify them for emergency rental assistance. AHA also seek to utilize the support and service of local community service agencies to facilitate outreach to tenants with high balances. To make referrals and/or broker with agencies to assist with delinquencies

and/or domestic needs as per family needs.

MIS Department

- Computers - Explore the possibility of upgrading AHA computers.
- New Backup Solution - Continue doing research on new backup solutions and implement.
- File Transfer Solution - Continue doing research on new file transfer solutions and implement
- Redundant Exchange Server - AHA will research the possibility of installing a redundant exchange server off-site at AHA's disaster recovery location.
- Network Security & Cyber Security Project- AHA will research and explore different options to increase network and cyber security for both the intranet and extranet and implement.
- Phone System Upgrade - Continue to research new available options for AHA's IP phone system and if they meet AHA's need and implement.
- Security Alarms - AHA will research and explore the possibility of upgrading/migrating to one type of security alarm for single point of access.
- Disaster Recovery Solution - Evaluate current disaster cover center location and solutions in place and adjust to improve redundancy.
- Cameras Systems - Evaluate current camera coverage and research possible solutions to provide coverage continuity and install new camera locations as necessary to decrease crime.
- Records Retention - Evaluate current records retention policies and procedures. Adjust as necessary.

Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs

The Amsterdam Housing Authority will begin outreach to landlords in order to increase participation in programs and the number of affordable housing units within the City of Amsterdam. AHA will participate in new landlord workshops and provide information as it pertains to partnering with AHA and its available programs. This will increase the opportunities for participating families to obtain adequate and affordable housing.

AHA recognizes the shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations and plans to maximize the number of affordable units available to AHA within our current resources by taking the following measures:

- Minimizing the number of public housing units off-line through effective maintenance and management policies.
- Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units.
- Reduce time to renovate public housing units.

AHA will continue to increase the number of affordable housing units by performing the following:

- Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available.
- Explore the possibility of leveraging affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed-finance housing.
- Explore the possibility of utilizing housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.

AHA will target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI by utilizing admissions preferences aimed at families who are working. AHA will target available assistance to Families with Disabilities by carrying out the modification needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing and affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities.

Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals

AHA continues to work towards expanding the supply of housing through various initiatives. AHA looks to increase and improve opportunities and resources for our voucher holders to achieve self-sufficiency through community collaboration and coordination. AHA continues to look at and re-evaluate, assess and identify the gaps in existing resources, and maximize exposure to quality resources. AHA endeavors to continue to improve the quality of housing in the City of Amsterdam to expand economic opportunities for those we serve.

Substantial Deviation: A substantial change in a goal(s) identified in the Five-Year Plan. For example, checking or unchecking a PHA goal box. A substantial deviation does not include any changes in HUD rules and regulations which require or prohibit changes to activities listed herein.

As part of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), Amsterdam Housing Authority is redefining the definition of a substantial deviation from the PHA Plan to exclude the following RAD-specific items:

- The decision to convert to either Project Based Rental Assistance or Project Based Voucher Assistance;
- Changes to the Capital Fund Budget produced as a result of each approved RAD Conversion, regardless of whether the proposed conversion will include use of additional Capital Funds;
- Changes to the construction and rehabilitation plan for each approved RAD conversion; and
- Changes to the financing structure for each approved RAD conversion.

Significant Amendment/Modification: Significant modifications to major strategies to address housing needs and to major policies (e.g., policies governing eligibility, selection or admissions and rent determination) or programs (e.g., demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs or conversion activities) that are not mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)

The Amsterdam Housing Authority previously amended its Annual PHA Plan because it was a successful applicant in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). As a result, the Amsterdam Housing Authority has begun converting to Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) under the guidelines of PIH Notice 2012-32, REV-1 and any successor Notices. Upon conversion to Project Based Rental Assistance, the Authority will adopt the resident rights, participation, waiting list and grievance procedures listed in Section 1.7 of PIH Notice H-2019-09-PIH-201-23 (HA), REV-4; and any successor notices. These resident rights, participation, waiting list and grievance procedures are appended to this Attachment. Additionally, the Amsterdam Housing Authority certifies that it is currently compliant with all fair housing and civil rights requirements.

RAD was designed by HUD to assist in addressing the capital needs of public housing by providing Amsterdam Housing Authority with access to private sources of capital to repair and preserve its affordable housing assets. Please be aware that upon conversion, the Authority's Capital Fund Budget will be reduced by the pro rata share of Public Housing Developments converted as part of the Demonstration, and that Amsterdam Housing Authority may also borrow funds to address their capital needs. The Amsterdam Housing Authority will also be contributing Operating Reserves and Capital Funds towards the conversions. The amount of Operating Reserves and Capital Funds that will be contributed to the RAD conversions will be determined on a case by case basis, as needed to properly fund each conversion and as available from the Capital Fund grants awarded in those years.

Description of Units to be Converted

AMP#1 consisting of 120 units in New Amsterdam Apartments and 75 units Stratton Apartments

were included in the CHAP. We have converted 116 to RAD and retained the 4 offline units as previously utilized. This deal closed on 12/17/2020. The number of distribution of units pre and post conversion remained the same.

Special Provisions Affecting Conversions to PBRA

Under the Demonstration, HUD has the authority to waive statutory and regulatory provisions governing the PBRA program, or to establish alternative requirements for the effective conversion of assistance. Additionally, the RAD Statute imposes certain unique requirements and authorizes HUD to establish requirements for converted assistance under the Demonstration.

For public housing projects converting assistance to PBRA under the First Component of the Demonstration, 24 CFR part 880, Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program for New Construction as modified for RAD and as set forth in Appendix I, and applicable existing and subsequent Office of Housing guidance⁴⁴ will apply, except for the provisions listed below. These “special” provisions are grouped into three categories: Contract Terms, Resident Rights and Participation, and Other Miscellaneous Provisions. Where applicable, reference is made to the affected statute and/or regulation. For additional background purposes, HUD has provided Appendix I, which is a copy of the existing 24 CFR part 880 regulation with the provisions stricken that will not apply to Covered Projects. Additionally, Appendix II includes the specific provisions of the Act that are inapplicable to PBRA conversions. Finally, Appendix III includes the site and neighborhood standards that apply to PBRA.

A. PBRA Contract Terms.

- 1. Length of Contract.** Covered Projects shall have an initial HAP Contract term of 20 years. To implement this provision, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for section 8(d)(2)(A) of the Act, which establishes a maximum term of 15 years for “an existing structure.” Additionally, 24 CFR § 880.502, which imposes maximum contract terms for New Construction projects consistent with statutory authority that was repealed in 1983, does not apply.
- 2. Mandatory Contract Renewal.** Section 524 of MAHRAA and 24 CFR part 402 currently govern renewals of expiring or terminating project-based section 8 HAP Contracts and, in general, require HUD to renew such contracts “at the request of the owner.” Pursuant to the RAD Statute, upon expiration of the initial contract and each renewal contract, the Secretary or Contract Administrator must offer, and the Project Owner must accept, renewal of the contract subject to the terms and conditions applicable at the time of renewal and the availability of appropriations each year of such renewal. The renewal contract(s) shall be for the prescribed number and mix of units but may, upon request of the Project Owner and subject to HUD approval, be on

⁴⁴ Examples of Office of Housing guidance include handbooks such as “Occupancy Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily Housing Programs” (4350.3) and “Multifamily Asset Management and Project Servicing” (4350.1). Future changes to part 880 would apply to RAD as long as the future changes are not provisions that have been

ken in the final Notice.

one or more transfer of assistance sites in lieu of the project site subject to the expiring contract. Consequently, to the extent that section 524 of MAHRAA and 24 CFR part 402 are in effect upon contract expiration, the various provisions stating or requiring that any renewal of an expiring contract for project-based assistance under Section 8 shall be “at the request of the owner” will not apply.

3. Ownership or Control. This section has been moved to [Section 1.4.A.11.](#)

4. RAD Use Agreement. This section has been moved to [Section 1.4.A.13](#)

5. Initial Contract Rent Setting. No additional or incremental funding is associated with this Demonstration. Consequently, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for section 8(c)(1) of the Act, which governs rent setting for project-based Section 8 units, and for section 8(c)(5) of the Act or 24 CFR § 880.503(b), which govern the “project account.” HUD has calculated initial contract rents for every public housing project based on each project’s subsidy under the public housing program. All RAD applications, including applications for Portfolio Awards, will have initial contract rents based on their “RAD rent base year,” described in [Attachment 1C](#). PHAs have additional discretion in establishing initial contract rents using the following flexibility:

- a. **MTW Fungibility.** MTW agencies may use their MTW funds to set the initial contract rents higher than the normally applicable contract rent cap that is based on the project’s public housing subsidy. In addition to the rent cap described below, contract rents cannot exceed comparable market rent, as determined by a Rent Comparability Study. Any use of MTW funding flexibilities in setting initial contract rents shall be subject to subsidy layering review and MTW continued service requirements, as calculated using the MTW Baseline Methodology described in Notice PIH 2013-02, or successor Notice. If an MTW agency converts a project to PBRA and uses this flexibility to increase their initial contract rents, HUD will reduce the agency’s public housing subsidy by the additional amount (in addition to any funding modifications that would occur as a result of the conversion absent the rent increase) required to fund the PBRA HAP (see [Attachment 1C](#)). HUD will limit the number of projects an MTW agency may convert to PBRA if the PHA does not have sufficient public housing subsidy to convert into PBRA assistance.
- b. **Rent Bundling.** PHAs may adjust subsidy (and initial contract rents) across multiple projects as long as the PHA does not exceed the aggregate subsidy for all of the projects the PHA has submitted for conversion under RAD. For example, assume that a PHA is considering bundling two identical projects, both consisting of 100 units. In Project A, the contract rent is \$500; and in Project B, the contract rent is \$600. The PHA could bundle the two projects such that the initial contract rents for both projects will be \$550. This use, which HUD refers to as “bundled” rents, can occur under the following scenarios:
 - i. When a PHA is converting two or more properties within its public housing portfolio. The execution and effective date of the HAP Contract for the donor HAP Contract must occur prior to or simultaneous with the effective date of the recipient HAP Contract; and
 - ii. When PHAs have formed a Partnership in accordance with Section 1.5.M and are bundling rents between two or more converting projects. The execution and effective date of the

HAP Contract for the donor HAP Contract must occur prior to or simultaneous with the effective date of the recipient HAP Contract;

Please note that per [Section 1.13.B.5](#), regardless of the initial contract rents for the RAD HAP Contract, including as modified by this provision, in the year of conversion the Covered Project will only be assisted by the Operating and Capital Funds obligated to the PHA for that project.

- c. **Future Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) or Demolition Disposition Transition Funding (DDTF).**⁴⁵ PHAs that are scheduled to receive ongoing RHF or DDTF funding (funds that have not been awarded and, with HUD permission, funds that have been awarded but not yet disbursed) may choose to forgo any ongoing RHF or DDTF grants for the purpose of offsetting an increase to the RAD rent. See [Attachment 1C](#) for the calculation of how RHF or DDTF funding may offset increased RAD rent.
- d. **Tenant Paid Utility Savings.** When conversion will result in the reduction of one or more utility components (e.g., gas, water & sewer, electric) used to establish the Utility Allowance, HUD will permit the

⁴⁵ RHF and DDTF are provided to PHAs following the demolition or disposition of public housing projects pursuant to Section 18 of the Act. PHAs will not receive RHF or DDTF as a result of and following the conversion of projects converting under RAD.

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RAD contract rent to be increased by a portion of the utility savings. See Attachment 1C for additional detail. The Utility Allowance shall be recalculated based on actual consumption within a reasonable period following completion of the work.

- e. **New Construction or Substantial Rehab.** For any transaction that is proposed in its Financing Plan to undertake new construction or substantial rehabilitation in a designated Opportunity Zone, HUD may provide up to a \$100 per unit per month (PUM) increase to the RAD rents, subject to the availability of funds and such conditions as HUD may impose. For purposes of this subparagraph, new construction or substantial rehabilitation is defined as hard construction costs, including general requirements, overhead and profit, and payment and performance bonds, in excess of 60% of the Housing Construction Costs as published by HUD for a given market area. Funds for this purpose shall be allocated on a first-come, first served basis, subject to the availability of funds, based on the time of the request (communicated through the submission of a complete and acceptable Financing Plan), where the PHA demonstrates it is necessary for the viability of the transaction.⁴⁶

Notwithstanding HUD's calculation or the above-mentioned flexibilities, initial contract rents will be capped at 120 percent of the Section 8 FMR, adjusted by the number of bedrooms, and after subtracting any applicable utility allowance. However, when HUD's calculation of contract rents exceeds 120 percent of the FMR but where the PHA believes that such rents are below the comparable market rent, the PHA may request an exception under which the project may receive rents in excess of 120 percent of

the FMR but not in excess of the lower of comparable market rents or 150 percent of FMR. HUD will grant such a request only when HUD determines that a Rent Comparability Study (RCS), which the PHA must procure and pay for, establishes that rents are below comparable market rents.⁴⁷ Any such determination will be made by HUD in its sole and absolute discretion. Where initial contract rents are at or below 120 percent of the FMR, no RCS is required.

⁴⁶ HUD will aggregate for this purpose a limited amount of funds associated with units excluded from conversions through a de minimis reduction pursuant to Section 1.4.A.4 (“Substantial Conversion of Assistance”).

⁴⁷ The Rent Comparability Study must be prepared consistent with Chapter Nine of HUD’s Section 8 Renewal Guide, including any changes to Chapter Nine that HUD publishes while the HAP Contract is in effect. See http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/mfhsec8.

- 6. Method of Adjusting Contract Rents.** Contract rents will be adjusted only by HUD’s OCAF at each Anniversary of the HAP Contract, subject to (a) the availability of appropriations for each year of the contract term, and (b) the Maximum Rent, as defined below.⁴⁸

The Maximum Rent is the higher of 140% of FMR (less utility allowances) or the market rents, as demonstrated by an RCS procured and paid for by the Project Owner. Where an RCS has been used to establish initial rents or to justify an OCAF adjusted rent that exceeds 140% of the FMR, the RCS will remain valid for five years, the Maximum Rent will not apply for the next four annual rent adjustments, and rents will be adjusted only by the OCAF during such period.

- 7. Distributions.** Regardless of type of financing, Covered Projects will not be subject to any limitation on distributions of Surplus Cash, contingent on the availability of Surplus Cash as determined by year-end audited or certified financial statements. To implement this provision, HUD will not apply 24 CFR § 880.205, which, among other provisions, establishes certain limitations on distributions for profit-motivated owners and authorizes HUD to require the owner to establish a residual receipts account. Distributions are not considered program or project funds.
- 8. RAD Rehab Assistance Payments.** HUD and the Project Owner typically will enter into a HAP Contract before construction begins. During the period of Work identified in the RCC, standard HAP Contract administration procedures will be used for occupied units. Except where the Section 8 Pass-Through⁴⁹ is used, units covered under the HAP Contract that are not occupied at any point during the period of Work identified in the RCC may be eligible, subject to the conditions below, for Rehab Assistance Payments equal to the Public Housing Operating Fund and the Capital Fund amounts that formed the basis for the calculation of initial contract rents ([see Attachment 1C](#)). During the period of rehabilitation or construction as identified in the RCC, the maximum number of units for which a Project Owner can receive RAD Rehab Assistance Payments is limited to the number of units eligible for Operating Fund or Capital Fund subsidy prior to conversion. As a result, some units in the

⁴⁸ OCAFs are calculated and published each year by HUD in the Federal Register and are applied to the contract rent in order to calculate the contract rent for the project in the following fiscal year. For public housing conversions, the OCAF excludes the portion of the contract rent that is committed to debt service payments .

⁴⁹ As fully described in Handbook 4350.1, Chapter 38, Paragraph 38-32, under the Section 8 Pass Through Owners with residents under a project-based Section 8 HAP Contract whose unit was rendered uninhabitable may temporarily lease a unit in another building, which is habitable, under UPCS. The Owner can sign a temporary lease on behalf of the displaced Section 8 resident (i.e., a master lease) and begin to voucher for the contract rent for that temporary unit.

Covered Project may not be eligible for Rehab Assistance Payments. As necessary to implement this provision, HUD is suspending the applicability of additional provisions in 24 CFR § 880.504(a) until all contract units are made available for occupancy and waiving the applicability of section 8(c)(4) of the Act.

The Project Owner will no longer be eligible to receive RAD Rehab Assistance Payments upon the earlier of completion of the Work or expiration of the time period identified in the RCC for completion of all Work, which date is specified in the HAP contract. After such date, all units under the HAP Contract will be eligible for payment only for occupied units or for vacancy payments, as applicable.

9. **Future Statutory or Administrative Changes.** Consistent with PBRA HAP Contracts entered into under MAHRAA, any changes in HUD requirements, except to the extent required by statute, that are inconsistent with the PBRA HAP Contract entered into through RAD, shall not be applicable. Further, for any statutory change during the term of the contract affecting contract rents that HUD determines will threaten the physical viability of the property, the Owner may terminate the contract upon notification to HUD. Notwithstanding such termination, the project shall remain subject to the RAD Use Agreement encumbering the property on which the project is located.⁵⁰
10. **Floating Units.** Upon the request of the Project Owner of a Covered Project that is partially-assisted (i.e., fewer than 100% of the units are covered by the HAP Contract), HUD will permit the Section 8 assistance to float between units within the project that have the same bedroom size and the same contract rent; from the time of the initial execution of the HAP Contract, the property must maintain the same number and type of RAD units. As a condition for granting such request, HUD requires that the unassisted units be inspected with the same frequency as the assisted units are required to be inspected under 24 CFR part 200, subpart P. Assistance may float from a required UFAS unit only to another UFAS unit that has the same bedroom size and accessibility features. If assistance floats to a UFAS unit as a reasonable accommodation for a household that had not previously been in a UFAS unit, the assistance may float back to a non-Section 504 unit when there is no longer need for the reasonable accommodation provided the required number of UFAS units is maintained.

⁵⁰ Until HUD revises the currently approved PBRA HAP Contract for RAD, PHAs may request amendments to the HAP Contract in accordance with this provision.

11. **UPCS (REAC) Inspections.** Under current regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart G, a unit covered under a PBRA HAP Contract must meet the UPCS before assistance can be paid on behalf of a household. Under RAD, once all units under the HAP Contract become occupied, HUD will order a REAC inspection of the property to ensure conditions meet the UPCS. HUD is hereby waiving and establishing this alternative requirement to 24 CFR part 5, subpart G.

B. PBRA Resident Rights and Participation.

1. **No Rescreening of Tenants upon Conversion.** Pursuant to the RAD Statute, at conversion, current households cannot be excluded from occupancy at the Covered Project based on any rescreening, income eligibility, or income targeting. With respect to occupancy in the Covered Project, current households in the Converting Project will be grandfathered for application of any eligibility criteria to conditions that occurred prior to

conversion but will be subject to any ongoing eligibility requirements for actions that occur after conversion.⁵¹ Post-conversion, the tenure of all residents of the Covered Project is protected pursuant to PBRA requirements regarding continued occupancy unless explicitly modified in this Notice (e.g., rent phase-in provisions). For example, a unit with a household that was over-income at time of conversion would continue to be treated as an assisted unit. Thus, the first clause of section 8(c)(4) of the Act and 24 CFR § 880.603(b), concerning determination of eligibility and selection of tenants for initial occupancy, will not apply for current households. Once the grandfathered household moves out, the unit must be leased to an eligible family. Further, so as to facilitate the right to return to the assisted property, this provision shall apply to current public housing residents of the Converting Project that will reside in non-RAD PBV units or non-RAD PBRA units placed in a project that contain RAD PBV units or RAD PBRA units. Such families and such contract units will otherwise be subject to all requirements of the applicable program, specifically 24 CFR § 983 for non-RAD PBV units and the PBRA requirements governing the applicable contract for non-RAD PBRA units.⁵²

- 2. Right to Return.** See section 1.4.A.5.b. and the RAD Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and Relocation Notice regarding a resident's right to return.

⁵¹ These protections (as well as all protections in this Notice for current households) apply when a household is relocated to facilitate repairs following conversion and subsequently returns to the Covered Project, even if they are considered a "new admission" upon return.

⁵² For non-RAD PBV households, applicable program requirements includes the requirement that any admission to the project must be initially eligible for a HAP payment at admission to the program, which means their TTP may not exceed the gross rent for the unit at that time.

- 3. Phase-in of Tenant Rent Increases.** If, purely as a result of conversion, the amount a tenant would pay for rent and utilities under the PBRA program (the tenant's TTP) would increase the tenant's TTP by more than the greater of 10 percent or \$25, the rent increase will be phased in over 3 or 5 years. Eligibility for the phase-in is to be determined at the Initial Certification which occurs at the time the household is converted to PBRA. A phase-in must not be applied after the household's Initial Certification. To implement the phase-in, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for section 3(a)(1) of the Act, as well as 24 CFR § 880.201 (definition of "total tenant payment" (TTP)) to the extent necessary to allow for the phase-in of tenant rent increases. A PHA must create a policy setting the length of the phase-in period at three years, five years, or a combination depending on circumstances and must communicate such policy in writing to affected residents. For example, a PHA may create a policy that uses a three year phase-in for smaller increases in rent and a five year phase-in for larger increases in rent. This policy must be in place at conversion and may not be modified after conversion.

The method described below explains the set percentage-based phase-in a Project Owner must follow according to the phase-in period established. For purposes of this section "Calculated Multifamily TTP" refers to the TTP calculated in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR § 5.628 (not capped at Gross Rent) and the "most recently paid TTP" refers to the TTP recorded on the family's most recent HUD Form 50059. If a family in a project converting from Public Housing to PBRA was paying a flat rent immediately prior to conversion, the PHA should use the flat rent amount to calculate the phase-in amount for Year 1, as illustrated below.

Three Year Phase-in:

- Year 1: Any recertification (interim or annual) performed prior to the second annual recertification after conversion – 33% of difference between most recently paid TTP or flat rent and the Calculated Multifamily TTP
- Year 2: Year 2 Annual Recertification (AR) and any Interim Recertification (IR) in prior to Year 3 AR – 50% of difference between most recently paid TTP and Calculated Multifamily TTP
- Year 3: Year 3 AR and all subsequent recertifications – Year 3 AR and any IR in Year 3: Full Calculated Multifamily TTP⁵³

⁵³ For example, where a resident's most recently paid TTP is \$100, but the Calculated PBV TTP is \$200 and remains \$200 for the period of the resident's occupancy, (i.e. no changes in income) the resident would continue to pay the same rent and utilities for which it was responsible prior to conversion. At the first recertification following conversion, the resident's contribution would increase by 33% of \$100 to \$133. At the second AR, the resident's contribution would increase by 50% of the \$66 differential to the standard TPP, increasing to \$166. At the third AR, the resident's contribution would increase to \$200 and the resident would continue to pay the Calculated PBV TTP for the duration of their tenancy.

Five Year Phase-in

- Year 1: Any recertification (interim or annual) performed prior to the second annual recertification after conversion – 20% of difference between most recently paid TTP or flat rent and the Calculated Multifamily TTP
- Year 2: Year 2 AR and any IR prior to Year 3 AR – 25% of difference between most recently paid TTP and Calculated Multifamily TTP
- Year 3: Year 3 AR and any IR prior to Year 4 AR – 33% of difference between most recently paid TTP and Calculated Multifamily TTP
- Year 4: Year 4 AR and any IR prior to Year 5 AR – 50% of difference between most recently paid TTP and Calculated Multifamily TTP
- Year 5 AR and all subsequent recertifications – Full Calculated Multifamily TTP

Please Note: In either the three year phase-in or the five-year phase-in, once Calculated Multifamily TTP is equal to or less than the previous TTP, the phase-in ends and tenants will pay full Calculated Multifamily TTP from that point forward

- 4. Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) programs.** Public Housing residents that are currently FSS participants will continue to participate in the PHA's FSS program once their housing is converted under RAD. Through waiver in this Notice, FSS grant funds may be used to continue to serve such FSS participants. All Project Owners will be required to administer the FSS program or partner with another agency to administer the FSS program in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR part 984, the participants' contracts of participation, and current and future guidance published by HUD for all FSS participants enrolled in the FSS program prior to RAD conversion. All Project Owners will be required to provide both service coordination and payments to escrow until the end of the Contract of Participation for each resident. To ensure that HAP payments are processed correctly, and until TRACS is modified, the Project Owner must notify MF_FSS@hud.gov that there are current FSS participants residing in the Covered Project and adhere to the escrow and reporting requirements in Notice H 2016-08. The Project Owner may enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the PHA (the grantee), allowing the PHA to continue to provide service coordination to RAD-affected PBRA participants until all have completed their Contracts

according to 24 CFR § 984.303. The Project Owner must assume responsibility for the administrative duties associated with FSS such as calculating and crediting escrow and reporting. Ultimately, the new Project Owner is responsible for serving the RAD-affected FSS participants until the end of their CoPs.

The owner is not required to enroll new participants, but may choose to run its own voluntary FSS program in accordance with Notice H 2016-08.

At the completion of the FSS grant, grantees should follow the normal closeout procedures outlined in the grant agreement. Future FSS NOFAs will identify eligible FSS participants. Until HUD implements provisions of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act that expand eligibility for FSS to PBRA properties, only a PHA that continues to run an FSS program that serves public housing and/or HCV/PBV FSS participants, the PHA will continue to be eligible (subject to NOFA requirements) to apply for FSS funding and may use that funding to serve public housing, HCV and/or RAD-affected PBRA FSS participants. However, if the PHA no longer has a public housing or HCV program, the PHA is not eligible to apply for FSS funding.

Upon conversion, if the PHA has closed out its public housing program in accordance with Notice PIH 2019-13, funds escrowed under the public housing program for FSS participants shall be transferred into the PBRA escrow account and be considered PBRA funds, thus reverting to PBRA if forfeited by the FSS participant.

Current ROSS-SC grantees will be able to finish out their current ROSS-SC grants once their housing is converted under RAD. However, once the property is converted, it will no longer be eligible to be counted towards the unit count for future ROSS-SC grants nor will its residents be eligible to be served by future ROSS-SC grants, as ROSS-SC, by statute, can serve only public housing residents. At the completion of the ROSS-SC grant, grantees should follow the normal closeout procedures outlined in the grant agreement. Please note that ROSS-SC grantees may be non-profits or local Resident Associations and this consequence of a RAD conversion may impact those entities.

- 5. Resident Participation and Funding.** Residents of Covered Projects with assistance converted to PBRA will have the right to establish and operate a resident organization in accordance with 24 CFR part 245 (Tenant Participation in Multifamily Housing Projects). In addition, in accordance with Attachment 1B, residents will be eligible for resident participation funding.
- 6. Resident Procedural Rights.** The information provided below must be included as part of the House Rules for the associated project and the House Rules must be submitted to HUD for review prior to Closing. See Attachment 1E for a sample Addendum to the House Rules.
 - a. **Termination Notification.** HUD is incorporating additional termination notification requirements to comply with section 6 of the Act for public housing projects converting assistance under RAD, that supplement notification requirements in regulations at 24 CFR § 880.607 and the Multifamily HUD Model Lease.
 - i. *Termination of Tenancy and Assistance.* The termination procedure for RAD conversions to PBRA will additionally require that Project Owners provide adequate written notice of termination of the lease which shall be:

1. A reasonable period of time, but not to exceed 30 days:
 - If the health or safety of other tenants, Project Owner employees, or persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises is threatened; or
 - In the event of any drug-related or violent criminal activity or any felony conviction;
 2. Not less than 14 days in the case of nonpayment of rent; and
 3. Not less than 30 days in any other case, except that if a State or local law provides for a shorter period of time, such shorter period shall apply.
- ii. *Termination of Assistance.* In all other cases, the requirements at 24 CFR § 880.603, the Multifamily HUD Model Lease, and any other HUD multifamily administrative guidance shall apply.

b. **Grievance Process.** Pursuant to requirements in the RAD Statute, HUD is establishing additional resident procedural rights to comply with section 6 of the Act. In addition to program rules that require that tenants are given notice of covered actions under 24 CFR part 245 (including increases in rent, conversions of a project from project-paid utilities to tenant-paid utilities, or a reduction in tenant paid utility allowances), HUD requires that:

- i. Residents be provided with notice of the specific grounds of the Project Owner's proposed adverse action, as well as their right to an informal hearing with the Project Owner;
- ii. Residents have an opportunity for an informal hearing with an impartial member of the Project Owner's staff within a reasonable period of time;
- iii. Residents have the opportunity to be represented by another person of their choice, to ask questions of witnesses, have others make statements at the hearing, and to examine any regulations and any evidence relied upon by the Project Owner as the basis for the adverse action. With reasonable notice to the Project Owner, prior to hearing and at the residents' own cost, residents may copy any documents or records related to the proposed adverse action; and
- iv. Project Owners provide the resident with a written decision within a reasonable period of time stating the grounds for the adverse action and the evidence the Project Owner relied on as the basis for the adverse action.

The Project Owner shall be bound by decisions from these hearings, except if (x) the hearing concerns a matter that exceeds the authority of the impartial party conducting the hearing, or (y) the decision is contrary to HUD regulations or requirements, or otherwise contrary to federal, State, or local law. If the Project Owner determines that it is not bound by a hearing decision, the Project Owner must promptly notify the resident of this determination, and of the reasons for the determination.

c. **Family Right to Move.** [Pursuant to Section 1.7.C.5](#) and unless the Covered Project received a specific good cause exemption to such provision, families have a choice-mobility right which must be stated in the House Rules as shown in sample in Attachment 1E.

- 7. Earned Income Disregard (EID).** Tenants who are employed and are currently receiving the EID exclusion at the time of conversion will continue to receive the EID exclusion after conversion, in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR § 960.255. After conversion, no other tenants will be eligible to receive the EID. If a tenant receiving the EID exclusion undergoes a break in employment, ceases to use the EID exclusion, or the EID exclusion expires in accordance with 24 CFR § 960.255, the tenant will no longer receive the EID exclusion and the Owner will no longer be subject to the provisions of 24 CFR § 960.255. Furthermore, tenants whose EID ceases or expires after conversion shall not be subject to the rent phase-in provision, as described in Section 1.7.B.3; instead, the rent will automatically be adjusted to the appropriate rent level based upon tenant income at that time.
- 8. Jobs Plus.** Jobs Plus grantees awarded FY14 and future funds that convert the Jobs Plus target project(s) under RAD will be able to finish out their Jobs Plus grant unless significant relocation and/or change in building occupancy is planned. If either is planned at the Jobs Plus target project(s), HUD may allow for a modification of the Jobs Plus work plan or may, at the Secretary's discretion, choose to end the Jobs Plus program at that project. Jobs Plus target public housing projects must enroll public housing residents into the Jobs Plus rent incentive, JPEID, prior to conversion. Any resident of the Covered Project that had not enrolled prior to conversion is not eligible to enroll in JPEID but may utilize Jobs Plus services offered at the target project that predominantly benefit the former public housing residents who resided at the target project at the time of RAD conversion. If the program is continued, the Project Owner must agree to continue to implement the program according to HUD's program requirements.
- 9. When Total Tenant Payment Exceeds Gross Rent.** Under the PBRA program, assisted families typically pay 30% of adjusted gross income toward rent and utilities, referred to as TTP. Under normal PBRA rules, a Project Owner must process a termination of assistance pursuant to section 8-5 C. of Housing Handbook 4350.3, REV-1 when the family's TTP has risen to a level that is equal to or greater than the contract rent, plus any utility allowance, for the unit (i.e., the Gross Rent). In addition, section 8-6 A.1 provides that, when terminating a tenant's assistance, the owner is to increase the tenant rent to the contract rent (assuming that the tenant does not receive the benefit of any other type of subsidy).

For residents living in the Converting Project on the date of conversion and all new admissions to the Covered Project thereafter, when TTP equals or exceeds the contract rent plus any utility allowance, the Project Owner must charge a tenant rent equal to the lesser of (a) TTP (which is not capped at gross rent), less the utility allowance in the contract, or (b) any applicable maximum rent allowable under LIHTC regulations.⁵⁴ To this end, HUD is waiving sections 8-5 C. and 8-6 A. 1. of Housing Handbook 4350.3, REV-1. In such cases, the tenant will still be considered a Section 8 tenant and will still have the rights and be subject to the requirements of Section 8 tenants. Tenants will retain all of the rights under the Model Lease, including the right to occupy the unit, as well as those provided through this Notice, and tenants will still be subject to the requirements for Section 8 tenants, including the requirements concerning reexamination of family income and composition found in 24 CFR §§ 5.657 and 880.603(c). When TTP equals or exceeds Gross Rent, the excess rent collected by the owner is considered project funds and must be used for project purposes. Assistance may subsequently be reinstated if the Tenant becomes eligible for assistance. In the event that the tenant moves out, the Project Owner must

⁵⁴ For example, a public housing family residing in a property converting under RAD has a TTP of \$600. The property has an initial Contract Rent of \$500, with a \$50 Utility Allowance. Following conversion, the residents is still responsible for paying \$600 in tenant rent and utilities. Accordingly, the Project Owner must charge this resident \$550, i.e., \$600 TTP, minus \$50 Utility Allowance.

select an applicant from the waiting list who meets the applicable income limits for the project.

The Project Owner is not required to process these individuals through Multifamily Housing's Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) but may be required to do so in the future when a future revision of the TRACS can accept such certifications. All normal actions for the contract rent shall continue for these units, including application of the OCAF adjustment to the contract rent indicated in the HAP Contract—since the OCAF adjusted rent will still be in effect whenever the unit is occupied by a family eligible for rental assistance.

10. Under-Occupied Units. If at the time of conversion, an eligible family assisted under the HAP Contract is occupying a unit that is larger than appropriate because of the family's composition, the family may remain in the unit until an appropriate-sized unit becomes available in the Covered Project. When an appropriate sized unit becomes available in the Covered Project, the family living in the under-occupied unit must move to the appropriate-sized within a reasonable period of time. In order to allow the family to remain in the under-occupied unit until an appropriate-sized unit becomes available in the Covered Project, HUD is waiving the portion of 24 CFR § 880.605 that assumes the unit has become under-occupied as the result of a change in family size.

C. PBRA: Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 1. Access to Records, Including Requests for Information Related to Evaluation of Demonstration.** PHAs and the Project Owner must cooperate with any reasonable HUD request for data to support program evaluation, including but not limited to project financial statements, operating data, Choice-Mobility utilization, and rehabilitation work.
- 2. Davis-Bacon prevailing wages and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Section 3).** These sections have been moved to [1.4.A.13](#) and [1.4.A.14](#).
- 3. Establishment of Waiting List.** The Project Owner can utilize a project-specific or community waiting list. The PHA shall consider the best means to transition applicants from the current public housing waiting list, including:
 - a. Transferring an existing site-based waiting list to a new site-based waiting list.
 - b. Transferring an existing site-based waiting list to a PBRA program-wide waiting list.
 - c. Transferring an existing community-wide public housing waiting list to a PBRA program-wide waiting list, an option particularly relevant for PHAs converting their entire portfolio under RAD.
 - d. Informing applicants on a community-wide public housing waiting list how to transfer their application to one or more newly created site-based waiting lists.

To the extent the wait list relies on the date and time of application, the applicants shall have priority on the wait list(s) to which their application was transferred in accordance with the date and time of their application to the original waiting list.

If the PHA is transferring assistance to another neighborhood and, as a result of the transfer of the waiting list, the applicant would only be eligible for a unit in a location which is materially different from the location to which the applicant applied, the PHA must notify applicants on the waiting list of the transfer of assistance, and on how they can apply for residency at other sites.

If using a site-based waiting list, PHAs shall establish a waiting list in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(b)(2)(ii)-(iv) to ensure that applicants on the PHA's public housing community-wide waiting list have been offered placement on the Covered Project's initial waiting list. In all cases, PHAs have the discretion to determine the most appropriate means of informing applicants on the public housing community-wide waiting list given the number of applicants, PHA resources, and admissions requirements of the projects being converted under RAD. A PHA may consider contacting every applicant on the public housing waiting list via direct mailing; advertising the availability of housing to the population that is less likely to apply, both minority and non-minority groups, through various forms of media (e.g., radio stations, posters, newspapers) within the marketing area; informing local non-profit entities and advocacy groups (e.g., disability rights groups); and conducting other outreach as appropriate. Any activities to contact applicants on the public housing waiting list must be conducted in accordance with the requirements for effective communication with persons with disabilities at 24 CFR § 8.6 and with the obligation to provide meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP).⁵⁵

When using a site-based waiting list, PHAs should consider waiting list and transfer policies that expand opportunities for tenants seeking an emergency transfer under, or consistent with, the PHA's Emergency Transfer Plan. This allows for easier moves

⁵⁵ For more information on serving persons with LEP, please see HUD's Final guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (72 FR 2732), published on January 22, 2007.

between assisted properties. Any such preference must be approved by HUD in accordance with Notice H 2013-21, prior to implementation.

To implement this provision, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for 24 CFR § 880.603 regarding selection and admission of assisted tenants. However, after the initial waiting list has been established, the Project Owner shall administer its waiting list for the Covered Project in accordance with 24 CFR § 880.603.

A Project Owner must maintain any site-based waiting list in accordance with all applicable civil rights and fair housing laws and regulations.

- 4. Mandatory Insurance Coverage.** The Covered Project shall maintain at all times commercially available property and liability insurance to protect the project from financial loss and, to the extent insurance proceeds permit, promptly restore, reconstruct, and/or repair any damaged or destroyed property of a project.

5. **Choice-Mobility.** HUD seeks to provide all residents of Covered Projects with viable Choice-Mobility options. Unless provided an exemption as described below, PHAs that are applying to convert the assistance of a project to PBRA are required to provide a Choice-Mobility option to residents of Covered Projects in accordance with the following:⁵⁶

- a. *Resident Eligibility.* Residents have a right to move with tenant-based rental assistance (e.g., Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)) the later of: (a) 24 months from date of effective date of the HAP or (b) 24 months after the move-in date.
- b. *Voucher Inventory Turnover Cap.* Recognizing the limitation on the availability of turnover vouchers from year to year, a voucher agency would not be required, in any year, to provide more than one-third of its turnover vouchers to the residents of Covered Projects. While a voucher agency is not required to establish a voucher inventory turnover cap, if such a cap is implemented the voucher agency must create and maintain a waiting list in the order in which the requests from eligible households were received.
- c. *Project Turnover Cap.* Also recognizing the limited availability of turnover vouchers and the importance of managing turnover in the best interests of the property, in any year, a Project Owner and voucher agency

⁵⁶ The Choice-Mobility requirements that apply to covered PBRA projects differ from the requirements that apply to covered PBV projects.

may agree to limit the number of Choice-Mobility moves exercised by eligible households to 15 percent of the assisted units in the project. (For example, if the project has 100 assisted units, the Project Owner and voucher agency could limit the number of families exercising Choice-Mobility to 15 in any year, but not to less than 15.) While a Project Owner and voucher agency are not required to establish a project turnover cap, if such a cap is implemented the voucher agency must create and maintain a waiting list in the order in which the requests from eligible households were received.

The voucher agency must maintain a written agreement with the owner describing how the Choice-Mobility option will be administered in accordance with these requirements and the process by which households may request a voucher. For example, the written agreement must specify whether the owner will receive requests from families or refer families to the PHA.

HUD's goal is to have all residents in the Demonstration offered a Choice-Mobility option within a reasonable time after conversion. However, as HUD recognizes that not all voucher agencies will have vouchers sufficient to support this effort, HUD will take the following actions:

- Provide voucher agencies that make such a commitment bonus points provided under the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) for deconcentration.⁵⁷
- Grant a good-cause exemption from the Choice-Mobility requirement for no more than 10 percent of units in the Demonstration. HUD will consider requests for good-cause exemptions only from the following types of PHAs:

- Public housing–only agencies, defined as agencies that own units under a public housing ACC, but do not administer, directly or through an affiliate, a Housing Choice Voucher program with non special-purpose vouchers; or
- Combined agencies that currently have more than one-third of their turnover vouchers set aside for veterans, as defined for the purpose of

⁵⁷ The sponsoring agency must commit to the full term of the initial HAP Contract, must undergo a significant amendment to its Annual Plan (no later than 60 days after execution of the project’s CHAP), and must comply with section 8(o)(6)(A) relating to selection preferences. In order to implement this incentive, HUD is waiving provisions under 24 CFR § 985.3(h) to provide donating agencies with bonus points under the SEMAP for deconcentration.

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HUD-VASH, or homeless populations, as defined in 24 CFR § 91.5.⁵⁸ To be eligible for this exemption, the PHA’s admission policies must have been formally approved by the PHA’s board prior to the time of application.

- 6. Future Refinancing.** Project Owners must receive HUD approval for any refinancing or restructuring of secured debt during the HAP Contract term to ensure the financing is consistent with long-term preservation of the Covered Project. With respect to any financing contemplated at the time of conversion (including any permanent financing which is a conversion or take-out of construction financing), such consent may be evidenced through the RCC, but HUD review of liens must be performed prior to execution.
- 7. Submission of Year-End Financial Statements.** Projects converting assistance to PBRA must comply with 24 CFR part 5, subpart H, as amended, revised, or modified by HUD.⁵⁹
- 8. Classification of Converting Projects as Pre-1981 Act Projects under Section 16(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.** For purposes of ensuring maximum flexibility in converting to PBRA, all projects converting to PBRA shall be treated as Pre-1981 Act Projects under Section 16(c) of the Act. Section 16(c)(1), which applies to pre-1981 Act projects, restricts occupancy by families that are other than very low- income to 25% of overall occupancy. Thus, Project Owners of projects converting to PBRA may admit applicants with incomes up to the low-income limit. HUD Headquarters tracks the 25% restriction on a nationwide basis. Project Owners of projects converting to PBRA do not need to request an exception to admit low- income families. In order to implement this provision, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for section 16(c)(2) of the Act and 24 CFR § 5.653(d)(2) to require Project Owners of projects converting to PBRA to adhere to the requirements of section 16(c)(1) of the Act and 24 CFR § 5.653(d)(1).
- 9. Owner-Adopted Preferences.** Covered Projects are not permitted to establish or, where previously approved under public housing rules, maintain a designation (i.e., a set-aside of units) for elderly families or for disabled families; unlike the statute

⁵⁸ A veteran is, for the purpose of HUD-VASH, a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable and is eligible for Veterans Administration health care.

⁵⁹ This provision is included to clarify existing requirements for PHAs that own PBRA-assisted projects through Single Asset Entities. Such owners are considered reporting entities under 24 CFR § 5.801 (a)(3) and (a)(4).

governing public housing, the Section 8 statute does not authorize designations. However, owners of Covered Projects may adopt a selection preference (e.g., for elderly individuals and/or elderly families) which permits those applicants to be selected from the waiting list and housed before other eligible families. Project Owners who wish to adopt a preference for populations that are not identified in 24 CFR § 5.655(c)(5) (e.g., elderly families, near-elderly single persons, near-elderly families), must obtain HUD approval from the prospective Multifamily Housing Account Executive (field office) prior to execution of the HAP contract to do so in accordance with Notice H 2013-21 (July 25, 2013). This approval must be secured prior to conversion if the owner intends to implement the preference for new admissions immediately following conversion.

10. Initial Certifications and Tenant Rent Calculations. Owners are to use the resident's pre-existing public housing 50058 data and maintain the tenant rent and utility allowance until the resident's next annual or interim certification. To effectuate this provision, HUD is waiving 24 CFR 5.601.

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